

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please **replace** the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 4 with the following marked-up paragraph:

The present application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of French application 00/12817 filed October 6, 2000, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference. The present application is a divisional of parent application 09/972,841, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,669,947.